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SUBJECT: BROWN & ROOT BUSINESS INQUIRY

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1. WE WOULD CAUTION BROWN & ROOT TO BE WARY OF THE ALGULF CLAIM OF BEING ABLE TO LINE UP THE BAHRAIN CAUSEWAY CONTRACT. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF JIDDA IS INDEED A KAMAL ADHAM VENTURE BUT WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO EDGE OUT PRINCE MOHAMED BIN FAHD FOR THE PROJECT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GROUPS AND CONSORTIUMS GREEDILY EYEING THE \$850 MILLION CAUSEWAY PROJECT. JIDDA AND RIYADH RUMOR MILLS INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT IS A BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN PRINCE BANDAR BIN KHALID, SON OF KING KHALID, AND PRINCE MOHAMED. PRINCE BANDAR IS SPONSOR OF BALLAST-NEDAM, A DUTCH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ANT AT PRESENT APPEARS IN THE LEAD.

3. THE BROWN & ROOT BAHRAIN OFFICE QUERY IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING SINCE PRINCE MOHAMED IS THE COMPANY'S SPONSOR IN SAUDI ARABIA WHICH PROBABLY GIVES IT A GREATER LEVERAGE THAN KAMAL ADHAM CAN PROVIDE. WE SUGGEST IT COORDINATE
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